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SALT LAKE BLVD WIDENING PROJECT

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I AM A MEMBER OF THE SALT LAKE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO START OF BY SAYING I AM SO CONFUSED AS TO WHICH BILL / RESOLUTION WE ARE TRYING TO GET PASSED. SO I WILL JUST SPEAK FROM MY HEART.

I HAVE LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR THE LAST 8+ YEARS AND TRULY ENJOY USING THE IMPROVED ROADWAYS IN THIS HEAVILY POPULATED AREA. THE SALT LAKE BLVD CALMING DEVICE (BETWEEN ALA LILIKOI ST. & MALUNA ST.) IS A PROBLEM AND HAS BEEN FOR YEARS SINCE THE EWA END OF SALT LAKE BLVD IMPROVEMENTS WERE COMPLETED.

THE LAST ONE MILE STRETCH OF UNIMPROVED ROAD THAT IS LEFT ON SALT LAKE BLVD WAS PUT ON HOLD UNTIL THE RAIL TRANSIT WAS DESIGNED AND THE I UNDERSTOOD THIS, IT WOULD NOT MAKE ANY SENSE TO HAVE CONTINUED THE WIDENING PROJECT TO JUST RIP IT BACK UP IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO HAVE THE RAIL PUT IN THE AREA. NOW OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN PASSED UP ON THIS AFTER THE CITY COUNCILS DECISION TO CHANGE THE ROUTE TO PASS AT THE AIRPORT.

SALT LAKE BLVD IS A FOUR MILE STRETCH OF ROAD THAT IS IMPROVED TWO LANES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON BOTH ENDS, INCLUDING BIKE LANES AND SIDEWALKS. WITH A 1 MILE STRETCH OF SINGLE LANE BOTH DIRECTIONS IN THE MIDDLE. IT HAS TO BE COMPLETED FOR A SMOOTH SAFE TRAVEL THE COMPLETE DISTANCE. DURING PEAK TIMES IT IS A BIG PROBLEM FOR DRIVERS TRYING TO GET OUT ALA LILIKOI ST TO GET TO THE FREEWAYS BECAUSE OF THE CONGESTION DUE TO THE UNIMPROVED ROAD WAY.

I CAN NOT THINK OF ANY OTHER AREA ON THE ISLAND WITH THE POPULATION OF OUR SIZE IN A SMALL AREA THAT HAS THIS TYPE OF ROAD PROBLEMS. NOT EVEN THE EWA BEACH PUBLIC HAD TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION, AND NOW THEY HAVE A BEAUTIFUL TWO LANES OF IMPROVED ROAD WAY, AND WILL SOON HAVE OTHER OPTIONS TO GET OUT OF THEIR AREA.

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